

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 10 July 2019

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Neighbourhood Quality

Unlawful encampments – the team has dealt with three unlawful encampments in Purbrook Heath, Mengham Common and Sinah Gun Site during June.

Safer Havant Partnership

The Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) day took place at Hayling College 27th June and involved more than 100 year nine students around the risks associated with alcohol and drugs and the associated risky behaviours. Feedback was very positive and timely prior to the summer school holidays.

HBC Neighbourhood Quality Team (NQ) has utilised part funded detached youth work delivered by 'Y Services' with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour, providing outreach support for young people and being a visible presence in priority locations. The team covers areas across Havant borough including town centres and parks, typically between 5pm - 9pm to engage with young people and seek to resolve community issues or tensions. All detached staff are easily identifiable, wearing Y Fleeces, T-shirts and ID badges.

Partners from health, Police and social sectors came to view the Resilience Film showing at the Plaza. In partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioners officer the aim of the film is to raise awareness of the potential health impacts that 'Adverse Childhood Experiences' have in future and how this should be central to all service delivery.

Supporting Families

The 2019/20 target for families to be engaged is 48 by the end of July and we are confident that this target will be met.

Policing Priorities

1. Most Serious Violence (MSV), focusing on those cases and individuals that have the potential to cause the most harm
2. Business Crime in Waterlooville. Identifying individuals and action taken against persistent shoplifting offenders with some recent arrests made.
3. Operation Herd Motorcycle Nuisance – Attraction of land to the north of Leigh Park for motorcycle use, which causes a number of bikes to be

driven through Leigh Park to access these sites. Land owners and key partners met and a number of actions identified. Including potential ploughing of the field located near the A3 (impromptu motorcycle track), field cameras used in key locations and target hardening of areas.

Planning Enforcement

The Planning Enforcement team has some 70 current cases open, including, preserving listed buildings, engineering operations in green field sites, malicious damage to trees in addition to complaints about unlawful advertising and breaches of planning regulations.

Tree services

It is a busy period for the Arboricultural Service as the sun is shining and people are getting outside more and enjoying their gardens.

Currently there is a high volume of TPO applications and Conservation Area notifications - all are being determined by officers within the statutory regulated requirements of eight and six weeks respectively.

All local sites identified within the policy plan have been assessed for TPOs.

The team is continuing to undertake a review of existing historical TPOs and updating the GIS system.

The Centenary Tree Planting Project is moving forward with fantastic partnership working including links with Portsmouth Water and local Councillors - lead By Cllrs Prad Bains.

Sadly the team was involved in the removal of the Plaza Statue / sculpture. It was felt that for health and safety reasons (potential root decay) that the sculpture required removal. Once removed the extent of the decay was greater than expected so a necessary operation and end to the life of the sculpture in its current form. Discussion on its future are currently under way.

Emergency Planning (EP)

A programme of EP training for both Senior Management and Emergency Centre staff is underway. Resilience Direct refresher training has also taken place.

The Emergency Response Plan review has taken place and the plan has now been distributed to key personnel. The plan now has a 'short plan' at the front of the folder for quick reference.

There are now an additional 11 volunteers (across both councils) for emergency planning following a recruitment campaign. These officers have

now been trained and provide additional resilience for the council in the case of an emergency.

Preparations are underway for the annual Emergency Planning exercise on the 10th October 2019.

The council's Out of Hours continues to support the public when the offices are closed. The service is also used to monitor those officers who are working on site out of hours. The council's Out of Hours number is 07850 358156 and should be used to report issues such as fly-tipping and travellers.

Licensing

Nothing to report at present

Environmental Health

Water Quality and Blue Flag Beach

Some Hayling Island residents have raised concerns over bathing water quality around Hayling Island.

Consequently the council is looking to engage with the Environment Agency to request that they consider including the Hayling Blue Flag beaches in the pollution risk forecasting service.

Inclusion in the forecasting scheme would narrow the magnitude of 'precaution' associated with warnings given (relative to responding to all discharge notifications), and so reduce the number of days where warnings need to be given – it would be the most proportionate and accurate response, and should improve protection for bathers whilst minimising harm to the reputation of the beach.

This has become even more relevant in recent days due to Southern Water being investigated over spills of wastewater into the environment from its sewage plants and for deliberately misreporting its performance.

In addition, the council is also working with Keep Britain Tidy (who issue the Blue Flag Award) regarding the above.

Parking Strategy / Management

Overnight Parking Ban

The ban on overnight parking is still currently in place across the borough. The Parking & Traffic team is continuing to monitor, particularly along Hayling Island sea front, and carrying out enforcement action where necessary. 167

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) have been served since the ban came into force, 73 of which have been served since the start of this season

The Beachlands Response Team is investigating and assessing the options available to us for suitable alternative provision of overnight parking for motorhomes, and once that has reached a conclusion we will consult with the public prior to bringing the proposals forward. In the meantime the ban on overnight parking remains in place, and the current expiry of this is February 2020.

Handhelds

New handheld devices for Civil Enforcement Officers are now live and operational, and proving to be a great success. Additionally, they assist the council with being able to allocate virtual permits to residents and staff, thereby increasing efficiency and reducing the cost of the service.